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LETTER DATED 8 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, and further to my letters, the last of which was contained in document S/25864, I have the honour to point out a series of fallacies quoted by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (S/25843) in justification of the perfidious Iranian air attack of 25 May 1993 against the regions of Khalis and Jalula' within Iraqi territory.

The attempt by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to justify the naked aggression on the basis of Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations has no firm basis in fact. By such claims, the Islamic Republic of Iran is endeavouring to place responsibility for its internal problems on Iraq and to export its internal problems beyond its borders, without observing or respecting the sovereignty of Iraq and the inviolability of its national territory and airspace.

The latest Iranian air attack affected Iraqi civilian areas and caused material and human damage to the peaceful civilian inhabitants and their property. This attack is part of a succession of Iranian acts of aggression, infiltration and artillery shelling of the northern regions of Iraq, which I have already mentioned in my letters to you contained in documents S/25679, S/25680, S/25689, S/25772 and S/25788.

These acts of aggression constitute a clear-cut violation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the provisions of Security Council resolution 598 (1987) and a fundamental breach of the observance by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the cease-fire between the two countries stipulated by the said resolution.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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